



18. CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION

18-1 Objectives

Stewardship

- ▶ Protect cultural and historic resources on Fort Greely.

Compliance

- ▶ Ensure Fort Greely's natural resources program is consistent with the protection of cultural and historic resources.
- ▶ Implement this INRMP within the framework of Army policies and regulations.

Integration

- ▶ Coordinate implementation of natural resources management with the overall Fort Greely environmental program.

18-2 Cultural Resources Management

This Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan does not attempt to serve as the cultural resources management plan. A cultural resources management plan is being developed under a separate cover. The purpose of covering cultural resources in this plan is to ensure there is integration between cultural and natural resources management. Therefore, the cultural resources management plan (Section 18-2a), cultural resources compliance (Section 18-2b), and cultural resource surveys (Section 12-2h) are included.

18-2a Cultural Resources Management Plan

Project Description. Write, update and implement a cultural resources management plan and historic preservation plan for Fort Greely.

Project Justification. The plan is required by the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA) for all of Fort Greely for the land withdrawal EIS.

Project Prescription. The *Fort Greely Resource Management Plan* (BLM and U.S. Army, 1994) proposes that the BLM and Army, in consultation with SHPO, develop a Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP). USARAK is in the process of completing a CRMP for Fort Greely.

18-2b Conduct Section 106, NHPA Consultation

Project Description. Conduct consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer for actions taken under NHPA Section 106 that may affect historic properties.

Project Justification. Currently, a number of actions are affecting historic properties. Section 106, NHPA consultation is required.

Project Prescription. Will consult with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer for actions taken under NHPA Section 106 that may affect historic properties.

18-2c Cultural Resources Management

Project Description. Conduct cultural resources management on Fort Greely.

Project Justification. Cultural resources protection programs at Fort Greely are conducted in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. Section 470, as amended), the Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. Section 470aa-47011), the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C.), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (25 U.S.C. Section 3001 *et seq.*), DOD Directive 4710.1 (*Archeological and Historic Resources Management*, 1984), and AR 200-4 (*Cultural Resources Management*, draft). BLM also has responsibility

for cultural resources compliance on withdrawal lands on Fort Greely.

Project Prescription. Identify areas that are high priorities for cultural resources management and protection.

18-2c(1) Ptarmigan Creek Cabin and Sullivan Road House

Description. Perform mitigation measures for the Ptarmigan Creek Cabin and the Sullivan Roadhouse. Required by the *Fort Greely Resource Management Plan* (BLM and U.S. Army, 1994), and the *Historic Preservation Plan for U.S. Army lands in Alaska* (Bacon et al., 1986),

Methods. USARAK will provide mitigation for the Ptarmigan Creek Cabin through Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation and archeological testing. While HABS documentation has been completed for the Sullivan Roadhouse, management of cultural resources information is still required.

18-2c(2) Manage The Donnelly Ridge Archeological District

Description. Conduct the needed measures to ensure that the Donnelly Ridge Archeological District retains its integrity. This is required by the *Fort Greely Resource Management Plan* (BLM and U.S. Army, 1994), and the *Historic Preservation Plan for U.S. Army lands in Alaska* (Bacon et al., 1986).

Methods. USARAK's plans for managing the Donnelly Ridge Archeological District are detailed in *Fort Greely's Cultural Resources Management Plan*.

18-3 Natural Resources Management Implications

Natural resources projects sometimes are overlooked as potential causes of adverse impacts to archeological sites. USARAK will address cultural resources program requirements, as well as meet goals of natural resources programs. Natural and cultural resources managers at Fort Greely will work closely with one another during development of natural resources projects. Through this partnership, Fort Greely will provide both natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy.

Activities such as vegetation clearing, timber removal, firebreak construction, and training land rehabilitation are potentially damaging to cultural resources. AR 200-4 and the laws upon which it is predicated require that such undertakings be accomplished in a manner consistent with protection of cultural resources.

Natural resources projects with ground-disturbing activities will be processed through the Fort Greely cultural resources manager to prevent activities from impacting cultural resources. Furthermore, the cultural resources manager will be consulted during long-range policy planning, such as this INRMP.

Some land management undertakings will have no effect on historic properties at Fort Greely. However, to meet this list of exclusions, projects must be evaluated by a professional who meets applicable standards in 36 CFR § 61, Appendix A. Excluded projects are listed below.

- ▶ Maintenance work on existing features, such as roads, fire lanes, mowed areas, active disposal areas, and manmade ditches, waterways, and ponds, when no new ground disturbance is proposed.
- ▶ Outdoor recreational programs including hunting, fishing, and nonconsumptive uses in accordance with Fort Greely and Army regulations.

- ▶ The following natural resources management activities: timber harvests, tree plantings, planting and maintenance of wildlife food and shrub plots in previously disturbed areas, prescribed burning of rangeland, and the improvement of existing stream crossings.
- ▶ Planting, cultivation, and harvest of existing crops not exceeding the depth of existing activities.
- ▶ Removal and replacement, in kind, of plant materials when they pose an imminent hazard to people or structures.
- ▶ Ordnance disposal in accordance with prescribed Fort Greely, Army, and Department of Defense regulations.

ERD will review proposed projects by consulting guidelines provided in implementing regulations for the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) to determine their effect on cultural resource sites. Any project assessed as having an effect on a cultural resource site on Fort Greely will be coordinated with Alaska SHPO.

